

# Jacaranda Place Commissioning

Steering Committee Update – April 2020

## Background

Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service (CHQ HHS) is leading the commissioning of the new Queensland Adolescent Extended Treatment Centre (now known as *Jacaranda Place*), including development of operational processes, workforce recruitment, and ongoing service provision and facility management. This work is being directed by the Jacaranda Place Steering Committee, as part of the Youth Mental Health Program being progressed by the Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch (MHAODB), Department of Health.

## Activities to Date

- The Jacaranda Place Day Program commenced service provision on 20<sup>th</sup> April with six young people. The Jacaranda Place statewide panel has been assessing referrals and have identified six suitable young people for inpatient treatment at Jacaranda Place. Pre admission screening and assessment is currently underway, and the clinical team are supporting the identified young people and their families, until admission can take place.
- A communication strategy to inform young people, families and stakeholders has been developed including website for Jacaranda Place. Information about CHQ HHS COVID policy (including any restriction in visitor numbers etc) will be included on the website.
- Recruitment activities are nearing completion with appointments made to most clinical and administration positions, with just a few positions in the process of being recruited to.
- The Model of Care/Operational Guidelines have been finalised and will be published to the CHQ HHS website.
- Contracts and service agreements for food services, waste management, fire management, and pest control have been finalised and the security services agreement is nearing finalisation.
- Most of the furniture, fittings and equipment have been procured and delivered. There are some items that are still in transit due to COVID-19 restrictions; however, the Jacaranda Place Team have implemented alternative arrangements to ensure safe service delivery.
- CHQ remains committed to continuing the Steering Committee until the end of 2020 and facilitating a workshop about how best to incorporate the consumer and care voice in Jacaranda Place governance. This process will be undertaken once social distancing restrictions are eased.

## Coming Up

- Finalise recruitment of staff.
- Finalise delivery of furniture and fittings for Jacaranda Place.
- Finalise the services agreement for security services.
- Resume activities to formally open Jacaranda Place.

The next meeting of the Jacaranda Place Steering Committee will be held on **20<sup>th</sup> May 2020**.

For further information regarding Jacaranda Place, please contact the team on [CHQ-CYMHS-AET@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:CHQ-CYMHS-AET@health.qld.gov.au)

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